



# Oldentales

The Barony of Oldenfeld's Official Newsletter

Fourth Quarter of 2020



## Upcoming Events:

**NONE in person!**



The SCA in Trimaris is in **Wave One** due to the pandemic of Covid-19. Until all the restrictions of gatherings have been removed, until the social distancing guidelines have been removed, until the medical authorities and government agencies say we can gather, we are suspended from in person SCA official operations, so sayeth our current Kingdom Senenshal, Sir Theron Andronikos.

### **HOWEVER...**

There have been a few Trimarian virtual events planned.

November 14, 2020      Duke University      Sponsored by Kingdom of Trimaris

December 5, 2020      Long Nights      Sponsored by the Barony of Marcaster

***OLDENFELD CURIA*** is planned for Saturday, December 5th at 3 p.m.  
IN-PERSON Attendance is RSVP ONLY. Details pending on FB.

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# **Seneschal Message**

## **The Barony of Oldenfeld Statement addressing current Society policy on COVID-19 restrictions and in-person activities:**

Following the July 28th ad hoc meeting of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism, the Board of Directors (BoD) issued a Resolution that suspends all SCA in-person events in North America until January 31st, 2021; however, this Resolution allows for Small local gatherings including, but not limited to, archery practice, guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities, at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with the CDC, State, Provincial, and local health guidelines and recommendations.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the BoD and the Executive Order of the Governor of Florida, the Crown of Trimaris and the Kingdom Seneschal have announced that as of October 9th, Local Group activities may resume while maintaining social distancing protocols, on the condition that outdoor martial activities be kept to under 25 people and indoor martial activities be kept to under 10 people, with no communal food or beverage use.

While discussing and working with Their Excellencies on how to proceed, they confirmed that the choice to resume activities was left by the Kingdom Seneschal and the Crown to the discretion of the local groups and their Marshals/Ministers under the guidance of local ordinances and declarations by County or Municipality. To this end, I have reviewed the current CDC, State of Florida, and Leon County health guidelines and recommendations (as of October 22nd) to confirm the conditions that we are permitted to resume local activities under.

The Leon County guidelines for public parks is slightly more restrictive than those announced by the Crown; County athletic fields and basketball courts are partially open for individuals and groups of no more than \*10\* people, while picnic pavilions remain closed:

<https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/covid-19#25344306-leon-county-service-changes>

I charge all of Oldenfeld's officers to resume local activities at their discretion, after notifying Their Excellencies and myself of when they plan to resume local activities; the three of us are in agreement that our Officers possess the best judgment to make a determination about the safety of our Populace and the resumption of activities in their best interests and within compliance of local safety guidelines.

Hail Oldenfeld!

Master Miklos von Baeker, OD  
Seneschal

## Coronets' Message

Greetings and well wishes to you all! We hope this message finds you and yours happy and healthy!

As most of our populace know, the bylaws of our Barony require that we hold an annual Curia each calendar year. We generally hold Curia followed by a revel in the slower summer season, but we were obviously unable to do so due to the pandemic response. The officers recently met and decided to start planning a Curia meeting for December. We of course do not yet know if guidance will change between now and then, but we do know that the current Wave One guidance from the Kingdom allows for no more than 25 people to attend an outdoor practice/class/meeting, so it is most prudent to plan with that in mind. To that end, we are currently planning to hold a combined in-person and virtual event, allowing for officers who are comfortable doing so to gather in person, following appropriate distancing guidelines, and hosting a virtual meeting for the populace. Depending on officer attendance, we may be able to put a reservations system in place to allow for a small number of the populace to attend if desired, but we must not exceed the 25-person cap if it's able to be exclusively outdoors. Due to the planned virtual broadcast and attendance of the event, it may be best to have the Curia indoors to better control sound, lighting, etc., which will require that we limit to 10 attendees under the current Kingdom Wave One guidance. Please stay tuned for more details as we work to ensure that both attendance and participation at Curia can be achieved while protecting the health and wellbeing of all involved. We truly regret not being able to hold our annual revel, but we do look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the virtual Curia, and we certainly hope that folks will stay on the line to socialize after the business is complete! Though it's difficult for many of us to find motivation to continually participate in virtual meetings and gatherings, we do hope that you will all be able to join for Curia, as it is one of the seminal events on our Baronial calendar and helps shape our future.

We would also like to remind everyone of the Baronial effort to meet or hopefully even exceed our previous donations at Yule each year to Toys for Tots. The generosity of Oldenfeld and our Yule visitors each year has allowed many families the opportunity to experience the magic of the holidays. Last year, the Leon County Toys for Tots drive distributed over 8,000 toys to 2,662 children. As so many families have been financially affected by the events of this year, we hope that those of you who can spare a little extra will still contribute to the Baronial toy drive, headed by Mistress Mairi Ceilidh. Master Octavio announced at our previous meeting that they also secured a local donor who will help them match every single toy donated through mid-November, so please check in with them (Jay and Jancie Ter Louw, mundanely and on social media) for more details! The most in-demand toys are those for very small children (infants through pre-kindergarten age) and teens, especially teen girls. Though anything you give will be greatly appreciated, if you do pick up something battery operated and can also provide the batteries, please do so. Batteries are an added expense that many families may not be able to afford, especially toys that use larger cell or coin batteries. And if anyone locally is in need of assistance through this program, they can also apply to receive toys for their family on the local Toys for Tots website.

We hope to see every single one of you again when we are able to safely gather again, but until then, please take care of yourselves. Remember to engage in self care, which can sometimes mean disengaging from social media, television, news, and other stressors in life. If you have the ability, get outdoors as the weather starts to get a little less brutal, and get away from modern life. It's been far too long since any of us have been able to enjoy our communal medieval escape, but that doesn't mean you can't get away on your own or with your family. Build a fire, sing a song, put on your garb, enjoy a meal by candlelight, cook a period recipe, make some art for the Kingdom scroll competition, hit the pell, or whatever else it is that connects you to the Dream.

Charles and Aurelia

Baron and Baroness of Oldenfeld



## **Business Meeting Information**

Our business meetings have been changed from in-person meetings to online ZOOM or Google Meet virtual meetings. Please check the Face Book Oldenfeld Populace page for current information on how to attend these meetings, as the credentials may change each time.

**Baronial Polling** is in process. Look for your letters from the Kingdom Seneschal.

## **Fighter Practice Information**

Due to the pandemic, the Oldenfeld Fighter Practice must follow SCA, State and local guidelines for social distancing and gathering limits. However, there are several YouTube channels available for your viewing pleasure. There is an ongoing 100 Day Pell Challenge 2.0 which can be achieved in your own home. If interested, please feel free to contact our Seneschal for any requested details.



## Baronial Officers

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Chronicler:	Mistress Marie le Mains
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Minister of Children:	Lady Anneke the Small
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Please see our website: <http://www.oldenfeld.org> for more information.

